



## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

### Department of Highways District 9

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### **Second Street in Morehead could reopen late next week**

*Paving, restriping start this weekend*

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Contractors could reopen Second Street in Morehead late next week as work progresses on the \$1.5 million effort to realign the downtown thoroughfare and its state highway intersection.

The new traffic signals at Second and West Sun streets have already been activated in flash mode to familiarize motorists with upcoming traffic changes.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 6, contractors expect to begin repaving all lanes of KY 32 and adding lane markings for the new intersection. Motorists should watch for lane closures at least through Tuesday, Nov. 8 – possibly longer depending upon the weather – with construction taking place primarily during nighttime hours.

Once paving and other necessary roadwork is complete, traffic can be switched to the newly-constructed Second Street. When the switch takes place, the existing Second Street at the pedestrian bridge will be closed and the traffic signals there will be deactivated while the signals at the new intersection will be fully activated.

It's anticipated that the traffic switch could be made as early as Wednesday, but bad weather could delay the switch until later in the week. Motorists should watch for signs announcing changes and redirecting traffic, and should drive with caution during the transition period.

Following the traffic change, contractors will continue embankment, sidewalk and other work as the project moves toward completion later this fall and winter.

The project, which began last fall with city utility relocation and other work, will provide improved access to homes, businesses, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and Morehead State University. Roadway construction is being done under a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contract with Bluegrass Contracting Corporation. It includes an improved intersection, a new section of Second Street and extensions of Allen and Knapp avenues.

Features of the project include straighter and wider driving lanes on Second Street and a new right-angle intersection with KY 32 rather than one offset from approaching traffic; longer turn lanes to reduce traffic congestion and reduce the risk of rear-end collisions in through lanes; improved sight distances at intersections, and larger street entrances.

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